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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 4TH 1909.

The Self-Government Society of Canton is still actively engaged in fomenting trouble. Its latest effort takes the form of an endeavour to nobble the Provincial Council of Kwangtung which is asked by this mischievous society to consider as a matter of urgent public importance, whether foreigners should be allowed to shoot birds on Sundays! It is not that the inauguration of the new measure of local self-government has revealed the Chinese masses to be Sabbatarian at heart. Sunday happens to be the day when little shooting parties of foreigners are to be seen in the country districts round about the Canton delta, and the suggestion that they should be suppressed has been made to the Provincial Council and also, we believe, to the Imperial Government by this notoriously anti-foreign Self-Government Society of Canton. The agitation was primarily aimed at the Portuguese, of Macao, the Self-Government Society finding it useful as a device for sustaining among the ignorant masses a hostile feeling against Portugal while futile efforts were being made to delimitate the boundaries of the Colony of Macao. Probably the people of Heungshan have been familiar with Sunday parties for upwards of three centuries, and saw no cause in them for alarm until the Self-Government Society recently looking through a powerful magnifying glass discovered that they were hostile foreign armies. Apart altogether from the supremely ridiculous nature of the agitation,

the Council by complying with the behests of the Society would be bringing itself into disrepute by a flagrant disregard of the instructions of the Constitutional Reform Commissioners which were expressly designed to prevent these 'Assemblies' meddling with affairs bearing on the foreign relations of China and usurping the functions of the Imperial Government. The Council has questions of far more importance on hand. We do not observe that any progress has been made yet with the questions which properly come within the province of the Council. When the Assembly was formed proposals were laid before it dealing with (1) the prohibition of gambling; (2) the reform of the police system; (3) the reform of the prisons; (4) elementary and technical education; and (5) changes in the fiscal system aiming at the abolition of the *Sin Hau Kue*, and making the Provincial Treasurer alone responsible for the collection and custody of the revenues. Some of these measures were suggested by the Government and others by private members. It is specially interesting to Hongkong to learn that a member of the Council has recently brought forward a motion dealing with the debased subsidiary coinage of the Canton mint. His proposal is that all the 10-cent coins should be called in and reminted of equal intrinsic value with the Hongkong ten cent coin. Our inquiries go to show that the Hongkong ten-cent coin is far more popular in Canton than the coin of the Chinese mint, because these small coins are weighed rather than counted when paid away in large quantities, and it is therefore to the advantage of the payer that his collections should be in the heavier coin. We have heard it stated, indeed, that Hongkong coin is probably represented by as much as eighty per cent. of the ten-cent coins circulating in Canton. If this is approximately correct, the statement has an interesting bearing on the vexed question as to what amount of Hongkong subsidiary coin would be likely to return to the Colony in the event of the Government deciding to call it in, with the object of issuing a new and distinctive coinage. So long as the coins issued from the Canton mint are of smaller intrinsic value, there would seem to be little likelihood of the Colony being flooded with its own coinage. But this is a degeneration. It will be interesting to learn how the proposal now before the Provincial Council at Canton is finally dealt with, though at the present rate at which the Council is progressing with its business, we may have to wait a very long time for the decision. We have seen the business programmes of several of the Provincial Councils, and it is worthy of note that in nearly every one of them mention is made of proposals dealing with debased coinage. Another matter common to nearly every one is educational reform. Some of the programmes include proposals aiming at a uniform system of weights and measures; the reform of land registration; taxation reform; the improvement of rivers and water courses, and similar subjects. Where the Councils give their serious attention to questions of this character they are likely to justify their existence, but when they fritter away their energies in exciting international jealousies, as the mischievous clique misnamed the Self-Government Society bid the Canton Assembly to do, they will do far more harm than good, and it would be to the advantage of all concerned if His Excellency the Viceroy directed the Council's attention to the instructions issued for their guidance and so prevent the Assembly becoming an object of ridicule when it might indeed become a great power for good in the province.

The German Mail of the 3rd November was delivered in London on the 2nd inst.

The Lord Bishop of Victoria will be the preacher at the 11 a.m. service at St. Andrew's, Kowloon, to-morrow.

The men in blue are to celebrate Christmas Eve by a dance at the City Hall. They usually make the occasion a very happy one.

Mrs. Egton, 126 Barker Road, informs the police that on Thursday she lost between Barker Road and Queen's Road a white silk waist belt worth £2.

Seven men charged with being connected with the attack on one of the employees at the Cotton Mill at East Point on Tuesday were brought before the Magistrate yesterday, but were remanded as the victim is in a dying condition.

A theft from a marriage boat at Causeway Bay has been reported to the police. This type of craft has an enclosed superstructure and is used for marriage celebrations among the boat people, being licensed for that purpose. On Wednesday a woman who was sleeping in such a boat was deprived of her gold hair pins valued at \$50, and another woman had a hair-pin valued at \$12 stolen.

A typhoon warning was received by the American Consulate-General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory at 9:05 a.m. yesterday reading: "Cyclone or Typhoon N. of the Palau Islands, direction unknown."

The sermon at the morning service at Union Church to-morrow will be preached by Mr. H. A. Kennedy, of the Times (London), who is making a short stay in the Colony. Mr. Kennedy is an uncle of Mr. J. Stodart Kennedy, general manager of the Electric Tramway Co.

Two Chinese were at the Magistracy yesterday convicted of having incited a bullock to attack a small boy, whose arm was badly bitten. Mr. Wood ordered the first defendant to pay a fine of \$25 and \$2 compensation and the second to pay a fine of \$10 and \$2 compensation.

There have been many complaints of late regarding tramps and coolies sleeping on the market stalls. A man who was found sleeping on a pork stall in the Old Western Market was at the Magistracy yesterday fined \$5. He looked like a tramp, but he had \$23 in his possession when arrested by the police.

A fire which practically wiped out the village occurred at Cheong Sha Wan on Thursday night. Two large houses and 16 huts were consumed and over 100 pigs were roasted. The Fire Brigade under Captain Lyons were in attendance and extinguished the flames after considerable destruction had been done.

A meeting of Justices of the Peace took place at the Magistracy yesterday. Mr. J. R. Wood presided and there were present Captain Lyons, Messrs. R. A. Craig and G. A. Woodcock. An application was submitted from Alexandre Kotas for an adjutant licence for premises at 37, Queen's Road Central, and after it had been considered in private the Press was informed that it had been refused.

The *Ten* (Capt. Osterbridge) on her last passage to Manila ran into a stiff North East monsoon which necessitated the vessel's changing its course to see the ship's motion and was responsible for the loss of a lighter towed by the *Ten*, through the parting of the towline. The lighter was constructed at Hongkong to the order of the Quartermaster's Department at Manila.

An appropriation of P250,000 has been made for the dredging of the mouth of the Iloilo river. The contract has been let to the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Company. The river at that point will be dredged to a depth of nine feet and the work is to be completed within nine months. The dredging will enable large steamers to pass in and lie along the east side. This is the first appropriation toward accomplishing that for which an appropriation of P1,250,002 has been asked.

The *Stamess* are a simple but a most ingenious people. The manager of the Shan Electric Company has just issued a circular letter to the consumers of current, which reads:—"Sir, for the ease that your electric light should fail we beg to send you enclosed a postcard, which please send us at when you find your light out. The company will then send you another postcard." To the more exacting Western mind the possibility of supplying the place of the light that fails with a match and "another postcard" would never have occurred.

The Peking correspondent of the *New York Herald* telegraphed as follows:—"China's approval of America's proposal that a second Opium Conference be held at The Hague and that the delegates be empowered to negotiate an international Treaty for the suppression of opium, is regarded as certain. The Waipung strongly favours the proposal, but the approval of its details by the Boards of Finance and Internal Affairs is necessary for its formal acceptance. The proposed Treaty would provide for the suppression of opium within a prescribed period and the declaration of the drug as contraband. The right of search would be granted by the signatory Powers together with the punishment of illicit traffic as an international offence."

The text of the statement issued by Secretary of State Knox in Washington relative to the mining question in Manchuria is as follows:—"In view of the widespread publicity of the statement that the recent Chinese-Japanese agreement relating to Manchuria created for Chinese and Japanese subjects a monopoly to carry on mining operations along the South Manchuria Railway and the Antung-Mukden Railway which would exclude American nationals from an extensive field of industrial enterprise, inquiry has been made of the two signatory Powers and official assurance has been received from each to the effect that no such exclusive claim to mining rights was intended by the agreement, and that if minerals are found by Americans or others within the designated territory no objection will be made to their working such mines under concessions granted by China; the whole scope and purpose of the agreement being that any operation by Chinese and Japanese subjects of the mines within the territory mentioned should be joint as between themselves. The assurance confirms the conclusion already reached by the Department as a result of its careful study of the agreement."

The Board appointed by His Excellency the Governor to determine the amount of compensation to be paid for the Government resumption of Kowloon Inland Lots 442 and 518 held a formal sitting at the Supreme Court yesterday. His Honour Mr. Justice Gumpert presided, and the Hon. Mr. P. N. H. Jones and Mr. E. G. Sheehan were also present.

Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor, appeared for the Crown, and Mr. P. M. Hodgson (of Messrs. Ewins and Harston) appeared for the China Commercial Co., the owners of the lots in question.

The next sitting of the Board was fixed for January 5th.

TELEGRAMS.

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Copyright Ordinance, 1894.][REUTERS'S SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG
DAILY PRESS."]THE DISSOLUTION OF
PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, December 3rd.

In the House of Commons Mr. Asquith announced that His Majesty the King approved of the dissolution of Parliament.

AGAINST THE LORDS.

THE DEBATE IN THE COMMONS.

LONDON, December 3rd.

The Prime Minister's resolution of remonstrance at the refusal of the House of Lords to pass the financial provisions was adopted in the Commons by 349 votes to 134, amid prolonged cheers and counter cheers.

The House of Commons was crowded and much excited.

Mr. Asquith emphatically condemned the action of the House of Lords as an arrogant usurpation of the rights of the House of Commons, and stated that if the Liberals were returned to power their first act would be to reimpose the taxes and duties provided by the Budget, and to validate past collections. The necessities of the State could only be furnished by borrowing under the Appropriation Act. He hoped that the ultimate irrecoverable loss would not be great, but it was obvious that in the present financial year there would be a large deficit, swollen by the cost of borrowing.

Mr. Balfour declared that the Lords had shown a clear, sound sense. It was the Second Chamber's duty to refuse to pass the Bill and it had done its duty fearlessly. He was confident the country would support the action of the House of Lords.

Mr. Asquith, in concluding the debate, said the resolution was a vindication of the first principles of the Constitution, and he asked the House of Commons and the country to declare that the voice of the people was to be found in the elected representatives.

The members of the Chinese Naval Commission were present during the speech.

STRAITS NOTE RESERVE.

LONDON, December 3rd.

The Bank of England announces that £45,000 has been set aside as a beginning for a note reserve in the Straits Settlements.

THE ELECTIONS.

LONDON, December 3rd.

It is expected that the Elections will take place between the 10th and 20th of January.

RESIGNATION OF THE
ITALIAN CABINET.

LONDON, December 3rd.

The Italian Cabinet has resigned owing to the election of a Committee opposed to finance reform.

THE TEA DUTY.

LONDON, December 3rd.

At a meeting of merchants in the tea trade in London it was decided to continue paying the duty.

INDIA AND OPIUM.

The Government of India have intimated that not more than 12,100 chests of Malwa opium shall be exported during the calendar year 1910. The existing system of exports according to priority will continue for the present, but no duty for exports subsequent to the year 1911 will be received pending further orders.

CANTON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

2nd December.

AN UNSCRUPULOUS OFFICIAL.
The following is an instance of the kind of men who find their way into the employ of the Provincial Government. Some weeks ago a young police officer named Lo was shot while endeavouring to arrest several robbers. The government was petitioned on behalf of his family and a sum of \$300 was granted as compensation. This sum was handed to an official who received orders to hand it over to the deceased's elder brother. The official, having received the money, refused to part with it in spite of the fact that the rightful owner made many applications. The brother then petitioned the magistracy, and after a long enquiry the avaricious official was told that he would have to pay over the money or be punished. The money, up to the time of writing, still remains unpaid, and the official still enjoys his position.

NEW COLLEGE.

A new college, called "Chun Ku," has recently been opened for the study of ancient learning. The Warden observed with much sorrow that the number of students was not nearly so great as was expected. He has referred the matter to the Education Commissioner, asking him to appoint as students of the College a hundred of those candidates who were lately unsuccessful in obtaining the second literary degree. The Commissioner has sent a letter to these men urging them to register their names as students.

CONFUCIAN SOCIETY.

The Society for the Promulgation of Confucian Doctrine is making great strides in the district. At Fatsan the townsfolk have just formed a branch association, and lectures are to be held weekly to explain the teachings of the Wise Man. A temple, to be situated in the midst of a garden, is also to be erected, and the public are to be invited to make obeisance to the tablets of Confucius which the temple will contain and then enjoy themselves in the garden. The Society is also intending to bury itself in educational matters, and large numbers of persons have given or promised donations in aid of the work.

SELF-GOVERNMENT SOCIETY.

The Self-Government Society seems determined not to let the question rest as to whether the foreigner shall or shall not shoot birds on Sundays. The Society is now bombarding the Deliberative Council with appeals to take the matter up, in order, it is stated, to prevent trouble being caused in the future. One would imagine that, considering the grave questions the Deliberative Council have to discuss and the real evils and abuses that are crying aloud for reform, the Self-Government Society might confine its attention to matters of greater importance.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

Many cases of highway robbery have occurred near Tai Sha Tsa lately, and the new Band appears to be a happy hunting-ground for persons of the light-fingered persuasion. Yesterday there was a great commotion near the Tang Kwan Theatre, whistles were blowing violently and a number of police were chasing a man who had been caught in the act of picking a pocket. The rascal dodged in and out of the foot passengers very cleverly, and at last thinking he was secure got into a sampan and endeavoured to cross to Honan. However, he was caught and taken off to the nearest station. These scenes, which are of common occurrence, often illustrate the brutality and callousness which seems inherent in the Chinese nature. A few days ago, while walking on the Band, I observed a great crowd and went to see what it was. In the midst was a poor half-starved wretch who looked at the point of death. One ferocious looking man was holding him fast by the queue, while at least a dozen men near him were kicking and confounding the man without mercy. He had stolen a garment, if the filthy rag I saw can be designated by such a name, and everybody in the vicinity seemed anxious to register a kick at the poor wretch. After beating him for several minutes a constable leisurely appeared and there was a long argument as to the unfortunate man's crime. At length the officer calmly settled the matter by hauling on the poor fellow's queue by main force and kicking him in the middle of the back to make him get up. When he did get up he presented an appearance better imagined than described, and in spite of the fact that he could hardly walk he was forced along the road to the police station. These petty thefts from the person would not be so prevalent if the police force were a body of men deserving of the name. The average Canton policeman is a sight for the gods. On most occasions he strolls leisurely up and down the road smoking a native cigarette. His uniform usually fits where it touches, and sometimes he has boots and sometimes he has none. The Canton policeman loves to be located near a fruit-stall, but whether he pays for the fruit he consumes is a doubtful matter. If a row occurs he strolls up and enters into a lengthy argument as to the pros and cons of the case, and when he takes a man to the station he usually grabs him by the queue and uses all the force he can conveniently put out without dislocating the culprit's cervical vertebrae. At Fillinggate

he paid for the damaged property. The Kerosene Oil Guild have taken the matter up, however, and have come to the conclusion that the Magistrate's decision was unjust, and that he has noted in this way in order to please the foreigners. The Self-Government Society and the Chamber of Commerce have been requested to take the matter up, and get the judgment reversed if possible.

QUEER JUSTICE.

Some time ago a man named So was charged with a certain crime and condemned to serve a term of several years' imprisonment. The authorities have again been looking into the case and have discovered that there is no proof of the man having committed the crime. He has, therefore, been discharged from prison, but sent back to his native village, there to be kept under the strict control of the local officer. He has been told that if he leaves the village he will have to serve the whole of his formerly imposed sentence.

LOCAL SPORT.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

First Division:

H.K.F.C. v. R.G.A.
Club Ground, 4 p.m.
Referee, Q.M.S. Barufather, R.E.
Kowloon v. Naval Yard.
Kowloon 4 p.m.
Referee Sgt. Edward, Buffs.
R.E. v. Buffs.
Military Ground, 4 p.m.
Referee, Gunner Marsh, R.G.A.

Second Division:

Lusitane v. Moslem.
Causeway Bay, 4 p.m.
Referee, Mr. Hamson, T.M.C.A.
83 Coy. v. B. Coy.
Lyemam, 4 p.m.
Referee, Sapper Scarlett, R.E.

We are informed that the Match B.O.C. v. A. Coy. has been cancelled owing to the "boys" being unable to raise a team.

TEAMS (FIRST DIVISION)

Naval Yard—Bacon; Berry and Pascoe; Whorwell, Mears and Henning; Rooford and Brown; Sullivan, Wilks and Dabiel.
Buffs—Black; Ruler and Cloke; Dare, Wren and Temperley; Fitzpatrick and Houckham; Taylor; Brewster and Barker.
R.E.—Brown; Beardmore and Morgan; Cully, Barton and Durrant; Jackson and Blackwell; Brown; Taylor and Ormsmond.
Kowloon—Foulkes; Van Ginkel and Allen; Morris, Blackburn and Wilkie; Hedley and Wesser; Brown; Wilkie and Mead.
R.G.A.—Beasley; Oxley and West; Walker, Lt. Bagnall and Hewitt; Crump and Ansell; Watts; Nash and Bellis.
H.K.F.C.—J. Clark; A. Hamilton and J. McCubbin; B. Chapman, R. C. Barlow and W. Ironside; A. Atchison and J. J. H. Van Delden; A. Whitmarsh; J. Danby and H. Sayer.

TEAMS (SECOND DIVISION)

M.R.C.—Bax; Dyer and Khan; Markur, Mootee and A. Bax; Moos and C. Markur; Hartam; Rumjahn and Nazarin.
L.R.C.—L. Cordeiro; Castro and Soares; T. Cordeiro, F. Hyndman and Siqueira; A. Hyndman and Cruz; A. Ribeiro; R. Ribeiro and H. Hyndman.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

Police v. H.K.C.C.

Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

Buffs v. Civil Service.

Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

Kowloon v. R.E.

Kowloon, 2.15 p.m.

Craigengower v. Telegraphs.

Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

TEAMS.

Hongkong "A"—Dr. J. M. Atkinson, A. Mackenzie, J. Hall, A. W. Watkins, J. W. Taylor, E. C. Hagen, O. J. Barnes, R. F. Long, D. R. Sweeting, P. Jacks, A. C. Leith.
Civil Service—H. T. Jackson (Capt.), F. A. Biden, L. E. Brett, E. Bullock, H. Ellis, T. McEwen, A. S. Pile, A. R. Raven, A. R. Sutherland, A. M. Thornhill and E. C. Witherell.
Reserves: F. Bacon and C. W. Dawson.
Umpires: W. H. Woolley, Score: W. Fincher.
R.E.—Capt. Addison, Capt. Murray, Power, Keene, Osman, Tavenor, Campion, MacGregor, Harrison, Smith and Malong.
Kowloon—J. Robinson, W. F. Brower, W. L. Wesser, J. H. Mead, Lt. G. G. Richardson, Lt. Banbury, W. T. Elson, D. J. Mackenzie, J. P. Douglas, E. H. Pond, T. Chee.
C.C.C.—L. E. Lammert, G. A. Hancock, W. H. Vives, L. A. Rose, R. Pestonji, R. A. Carvalho, S. E. Green, S. Battilwara, P. Carrie, J. D. Norris, and E. Buss.

OTHER CRICKET.

Watsons v. Naval Yard.

Happy Valley, 2.30 p.m.

Watson's C.C. v. Taylor, Spittles (Capt.), Suiter, Harper, Miller, Williams, Spurge H. Rapp, Hay, Craik, and Phillips.
Naval Yard—Carter, Kell, Cohen, Gill, Adams, Bacon, Carter, Doughton, Lethbridge, Woodward and Coombes.

The game arranged to be played on the H. Z. Cricket ground against the "Fleet" this afternoon has had to be postponed. The match the Garrison Team v. Hongkong will not be played today.

DEATH OF MR. A. C. MORE.

Another old Hong Kong resident passed away yesterday at the Peak Hospital in the person of Mr. Andrew Charles More, chief clerk in the China Sugar Refining Company, Limited, in which company he had been engaged for many years. Death was due to dysentery. The funeral, which was largely attended, took place yesterday at the Happy Valley. He is survived by a wife and two children who are at home at present and with whom great sympathy is felt. Deceased came to the colony in a sailing ship in the year 1877, when he was 18 years of age, and has been over 30 years in the place.

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THE CHAMPIONSHIP will be SHOT OFF on the afternoon of SATURDAY, the 11th December, 1909.

Members will be at Home to their Friends, and Ladies will be Welcome.

G. MOXON, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1909. [1480]

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that information has been received from the Military Authorities that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out as under:—

On the 6th, 7th, 9th and 10th December, 1909.

In the direction of Chin-lan-sha and Customs Pass, at ranges up to 8,000 yards, commencing at 10 A.M. and finishing (if the range is clear) at 1 P.M.

If the weather is unfavourable on any of the above days, practice will take place on the following day.

All ships, junks and other vessels are to keep clear of the range.

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Hongkong, 3rd December, 1909. [1481]

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For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to

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Hongkong, 4th December, 1909. [1482]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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THE Company's Steamship "LAISANG"

Having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M. on the 6th inst. will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Rate of Lading will be counter-signed by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1909. [1483]

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Replies to—

M. G. R., Care of "Daily Press" Office.

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1909. [1476]

NOTICE.

MR. JULIUS HELMS has this Day been Authorized to Sign my Firm For Procuration.

A. GOEKE, [1478]

Canton, 1st December, 1909.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

APPLICATIONS, which should be addressed to the REGISTRAR GENERAL, are invited for the post of CHINESE TRANSLATOR in the Supreme Court. The Salary of the post is \$1,680 a year rising to \$2,040.

F. H. MAY, Colonial Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1909. [1467]

VICTORIA REGATTA.

FORTY-NINTH MEETING.

TO be held on SATURDAY, 11th Dec., 1909. Under the patronage of H.E. THE GOVERNOR, H.E. MAJOR-GENERAL BROADWOOD, COMMODORE H. LYON, R.N., Hon. Sir HENRY MAY, Hon. H. BASIL TAYLOR, &c., etc.

The Committee of the V.R.C. request the pleasure of the Company of the Ladies of Hongkong on SATURDAY, 11th December, at the Recluse on Bay View, kindly lent by Messrs. Fenwick & Co.

Miss HUTTON POTTS has kindly consented to present the Prizes at the conclusion of the Meeting.

The Secretary's Launch will leave the VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB at 12 Noon, sharp.

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B. L. BRIDGER, Acting Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1909. [1475]

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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1907. [1451]

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C. WOLDRINGH, Manager.

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Hongkong, 4th August, 1909. [1452]

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D. TOHDOW, Manager.

Hongkong, 10th September, 1909. [1352]

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Hongkong, 8th April, 1908. [1335]

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EVAN ORMISTON, Manager.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1909. [123]

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TAKAO TAKAMICHI, Manager.

Hongkong, 14th September, 1909. [1454]

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J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 13th November, 1909. [120]

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WM. DICKSON, Manager.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1909. [121]

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A. KOEHN, Manager.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1907. [124]

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Hongkong, 5th November, 1909. [1388]

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Hongkong, 23rd October, 1909. [1190]

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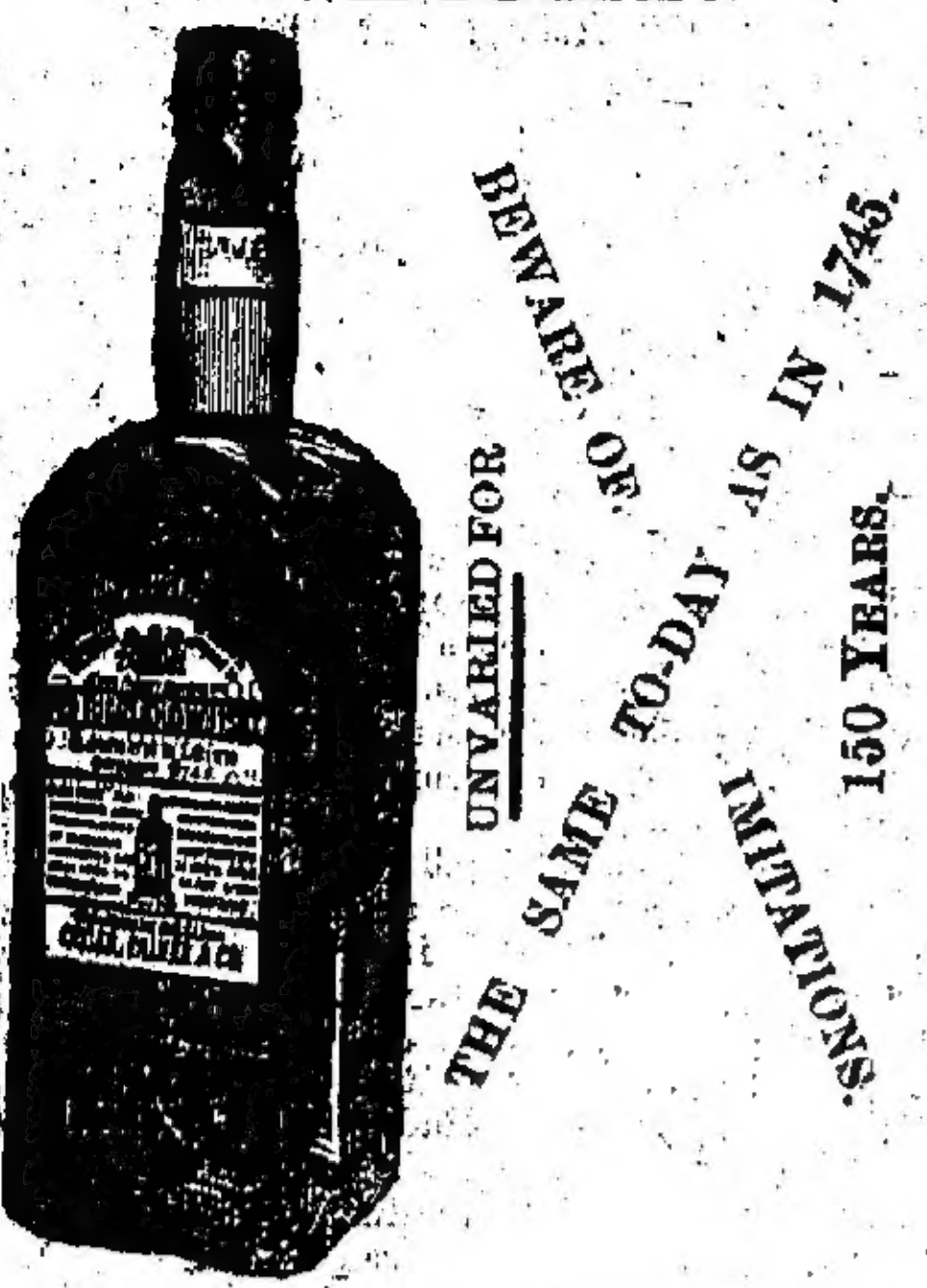
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A CHINESE MINISTER OF THE MODERN PRESS.

Seventy years have passed since the News-vendors' Benevolent and Provident Institution of England was established for the purpose of granting pensions and temporary assistance to principals and assistants engaged as vendors of newspapers. Recently the anniversary dinner was held at the Royal Hotel, under the presidency of the Chinese Minister (Lord Li Ching-Long). His Excellency followed in the footsteps of Charles Dickens, who as President in 1865 asked his hearers to bear in mind that "this is a plain practical institution on behalf of which the collector has called, leaving behind him the assurance that whatever you may be disposed to give to one of the most faithful of your servants will be thoroughly well bestowed and faithfully applied to the purposes which you intend to further, and to those purposes alone."

The spirit which Dickens invoked still prevailed, for the secretary was able to announce donations to the amount of £1,590 14s. 2d.

After the loyal toasts had been drunk the Chairman proposed "The News-vendors' Benevolent and Provident Institution." It gave him great pleasure, said his Excellency, to preside at such a festive dinner, and the pleasure was all the greater that when he looked round the room he could not see a sign but those which assured well for the success of the cause for which they were assembled together. He would not dwell at length on the result of the work the Institution had done, first, because they knew them as well and probably better than he, and secondly, because the fact that it had been in existence for seventy years spoke for itself. He wanted to draw their attention to the auspicious event of the evening—the celebration of the seventieth anniversary of the birth of the Institution, which within the period of its life had done so much to raise the credit and improve the character of the profession.

Although the Institution had a glorious history to tell, starting from May 22, 1839, when its inaugural meeting took place in the City of London, although its career had been a bright and useful one, and although its existence had benefited a large number of members of the profession for which it was established, yet all its work had been done at a very small cost and in a very unostentatious manner. He thought everyone present realized the utility of the modern Press; on this point there could be no discordant note; but had they ever come to think how much the usefulness of the modern Press would be affected if there was nobody to circulate it? Was there anyone there who could afford to dispense with the services of such a body for a single day? While the news-vendors were rendering such services to the general public they were always exposing themselves to dangers and hardships. What risks of life they were running every day while dealing about on their bicycles through the slippery London streets teeming with traffic! Their health was imperilled daily by the conditions under which they were forced to work, serving the public in ill-ventilated shops or at draughty railway stations in all kinds of weather from early morning until late at night. He was sure his audience would concur with him when he said that they had a duty towards the news-vendors in the performance of which he ventured to invite their kind co-operation and practical assistance. He could assure them that what had been done in the past by the institution would be continued in the future, and whatever they might be disposed to contribute to its funds for the welfare of the members, the faithful and hardworking servants of the public, would be thoroughly well bestowed and faithfully applied.

THEATRE DE LUXE

AMERICAN EXPERIMENT IN DRAMATIC ART.

One of the most interesting dramatic experiments ever made in America is the opening of the new theatre erected by New York millionaires and society leaders on the lines of the Comedie Francaise.

Shakespeare's "Antony and Cleopatra" will be the initial production, with E. H. Bothera as Mark Antony, Miss Julia Marlow as Cleopatra, Miss Beatrice Forbes-Robertson as Octavia, and A. E. Mason as Octavius Caesar.

No attempt will be made to operate the theatre as a money-making concern. The primary objects of the undertaking are to encourage American dramatists to present ancient and modern plays without considerations of expense, and to maintain a school for training American actors and actresses.

Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan is the leading spirit in the new enterprise, and he performed the dedication ceremony recently when Senator Root, Governor Hughes, and other prominent men addressed a large and sympathetic gathering in the theatre.

The theatre is the most pretentious in America, and cost £200,000. It is decorated in corse and old gold and Connemara marble. Some of the features of the building are:—

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- Dressing-rooms with marble tables and bathtubs.
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- Large drawing-room for ladies of the audience.
- Roof-garden restaurant and cafe.

During the first six weeks of the initial season several new plays will be produced, including "The Cottage in the Air," by Edward Knoblauch, a young American. "Stifle," by John Galsworthy, and Sheridan's "School for Scandal" will also be presented.

THE LETHAL CHAMBER.

ITS USE URGED FOR EXTERMINATION OF THE INSANE.

Mr. A. E. Spender, the Mayor of Plymouth, has made the startling suggestion that the insane should be exterminated by means of the lethal chamber. Writing to Sir C. Radford, chairman of a meeting in Plymouth for the care of the feeble-minded, Mr. Spender said:—

"We are wasting millions on the erection of expensive asylums, and the maintenance of an enormous official staff, and the providing of good food, for what purpose? To help to live those who have not, and never will have, one gleam of intelligence. This is called humanity. Medical science has made such strides that it is possible to submit these idiots to a painless death, and release them from the purgatory of non-intelligence."

Spender rather the money now wasted in such prodigal on schemes such as maternity institutions and creches, and a different dawn will arise."

"I know I lay myself open to criticism, so do all men who make bold to express themselves upon subjects which strike at the root of ardent practices."

Mr. Spender adds that he is prepared to be ridiculed with the shot of abuse, because he believes that with strict safeguards the course he advocates would be the most humane, as it certainly is, in his opinion, the most sane.

THE SUEZ CANAL.

In the House of Commons recently Mr. Rathenford asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether negotiations were on foot for the prolongation of the Suez Canal Company's concession until 1914; and if so, what steps he proposed taking to obtain the sanction of the Egyptian people to this extension of the present lease.

Sir E. Grey—Negotiations have been proceeding for the Egyptian Government and the Suez Canal Company for the extension of the existing concession until December 31 of 1909. I am informed that the General Assembly will be specially convened to give its opinion before the arrangement is definitely concluded.

Dr. Rathenford asked if the House would have an opportunity of discussing the arrangements before they were concluded.

Sir E. Grey—I do not think the House will have the opportunity before negotiations are concluded. The hon. member is aware it is not a matter under the control of his Majesty's Government, who have three official representatives on the Board.

Mr. Robertson (Northumberland, Tyne and Wear, Min.) asked whether the Legislative Council have any voice in the matter and whether the right hon. gentleman was aware that the General Assembly could only express an opinion which had no influence whatever.

Sir E. Grey said he did not know that an expression of opinion by the General Assembly would have less force than an expression of opinion by the Legislative Council.

Mr. Robertson asked if it was the case that recently an expression of opinion by the Legislative Council had been taken into consideration and had led to modification in a Government proposal, but had anything of the kind followed an expression of opinion by the General Assembly.

Sir E. Grey said there was nothing to prevent the same course being followed if there was an expression of opinion by the General Assembly.

Mr. Robertson asked the right hon. gentleman would recommend to the Egyptian Government that the Legislative Council should have the opportunity of expressing an opinion upon a matter so profoundly affecting the interests of the Egyptian people.

Sir E. Grey asked that notice should be given of further questions.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. Peter's Church, Queen's Road, West:—2nd Sunday in Advent. 6th December, 1909. Holy Communion at 10 a.m. Morning Prayer at 11 a.m. Ven. Canon Stanley, Pulpit, Psalm, Goss, and Forster; Te Deum, Hayes, Russell and Stainer; Hymns, 68, 381, 670 and 68; Kyrie, Manuscript and Unison. Holy Communion 12.15. Evening Prayer, Psalm, McFarren, Hopkins and Macfarren; Magnificat, Turner; Nunc Dimittis, Thomas Parry; Hymns, 2, 8, 65, 397 and 82.

The Church Lancers Day will call on ships carrying white crews to bring friends ashore to the services between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m. and between 8.15 and 9 p.m. (Kowloon Police Pier 10.30 and 8 p.m. returning afterwards. The Answering Post is the call flag. All the services are free and unaccompanied. Visitors welcome. Books 4d. provided.

Union Church, Kennedy Road, Minster:—Rev. C. H. Hickling, 11 a.m. Worship, Hymns 6, 142 and 342, Psalm 24 (Tallis) Anthem, "O Love the Lord" (Sullivan), Sermon by Mr. H. A. Kennedy, London. 8 p.m. Children's Service in Park Church conducted by Rev. C. H. Hickling. 4 p.m. Sunday School. 6 p.m. Worship, Hymns 265, 284, 384 and 309, Psalm 87 (St. Matthew). Wednesday 8 p.m. Congregational Social in the School Hall. Thursday 9 p.m. Literary Club. Lecture by Lieut. Hodson, R.N., "European Pottery and Pottery—especially of the 19th century." Lecture by Mr. J. W. White, "The Christian Endeavour Society."

Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wanchoi: Foreign Missionary Anniversary Sunday Services 10.15 a.m. Rev. T. W. Scholes, M.A. and 6 p.m. Rev. Webb Anderson, M.D. 7 p.m. Communion Service. 8 p.m. Sunday School. Monday 8 p.m. Tea followed by Missionary Meeting at 7.30 p.m. Chairman Mr. J. C. Joughin, Speaker, Rev. Anderson. Tuesday 8 p.m. Wesley Guild Devotional Meeting. 9 p.m. by Mrs. Joughin and Mr. Dave Saliers and Soldiers' Home, Arsenal Street. Sunday 8 p.m. P.S.A. 8 p.m. Gospel Meeting, conducted by Mr. W. Whiston. Wednesday 8 p.m. Temperance Meeting. "Theology of the Christian Concert arranged by Mr. J. W. White. Saturday 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting. 8 p.m. Wesley Guild. Rev. J. W. White (at the Happy Valley).

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BRITISH CAPITAL IN JAVA.

HEAVY INVESTMENTS IN LANDED PROPERTY.

A remarkable instance of official shortsightedness in the land purchase line has just come to light in Java. Near Batavia, the Government was desirous of buying up an estate, known by the name of Nangrang, for 2,000,000 guilders, but the Dutch Parliament found the amount too high and refused the vote. This proved to be a stroke of luck to the owners, who shortly afterwards parted with the estate to a company for a larger amount. The company has just sold the estate to a British syndicate called the Nirmala (Java) Plantation and Land Co., Ltd., for one million of guilders. Nirmala is the name of a Nangrang estate.

The sale caused some stir in Java, as this is the first time that a freehold estate there has passed into the hands of British moneyed speculators. Fears now arise that many more such estates will come into the possession of foreigners in the near future. As the law now stands, foreigners are shut out from possessing leased or rented land in many parts of the island, though they can become landowners.

Another British syndicate, represented by Mr. Bingley, has struck a bargain with a Dutch cultivation company to buy up eight estates belonging to the latter in the province of Malang for 2½ millions of guilders.

British capital is also seeking for investment at Banyuwangi in West Java. There a British syndicate has just bought up a coconut plantation for 300,000 guilders, cash down, with the intention of turning it into a rubber estate. The Glenmore estate in that quarter has passed into the hands of another British company for a like amount. Negotiations on

half of British investors are going on for the purchase of a large estate there of which there is a "good fire" under "guts" among "Sydney Times."

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon and Smyth in their weekly share report dated 3rd December, state:—The market continues dull, inactive, and featureless with an incipient tendency to weakness, in all stocks but a very few. Exchange on London closes at 1/8 demand, and on Shanghai at 75 1/2.

BANKS—Hongkong and Shanghai have changed hands to a limited extent at 995 and close steady at that rate. The London quotation remains at 291. Nationals are enquired for at 65, but we have no business to report.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions continuing in demand have further improved to 8800 by buyers after sales at 855, 870 and 875. "North China" are enquired for in the North at 110, but we have no local business to report. Other stocks under this heading remain unchanged and without business.

FIRE INSURANCES.—With the exception of sales of China at 114 we have nothing to report under this heading.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao changed hands at 304, and more shares are wanted at the rate without bringing out any further notice. Tides remain negotiated at 60, and at 43 in the North. Suez Canal has improved in London to 69/3, and there are local buyers at 69/6. Other stocks under this heading call for no remarks.

REFINERIES.—Sales of China Sugars have been effected at 160 and 159, the market closing a little easier for cash. On time sales have been made during the week at 164 and 165 for March and 161 for December settlement.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks continue out of favour and the rate has declined to 51 with sellers and without business. Kowloon Wharves are quoted at 62 with sellers and we have no sales to report. Shanghai Docks and Hongkong Wharves have ruled very steadily in the North at 76 and 123, respectively.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands have found buyers at 103, and close steady at that. West Point continue in a small demand at 44, but no shares are forthcoming to meet the demand. Humphreys continue to be rather freely offered at 3, but no sales result. Hotels are still enquired for at quotation, but we have heard of no sales.

COTTON MILLS.—Eves are quoted in the North at 129 ex the dividend of Tls. 11. Internationals at 77 ex div. of Tls. 10. Leon Kung Mow have declined to 105 nominal, while Soy Chee have improved to 350. Hongkong have found buyers at the slightly improved rate of 65.10 after further sales at 66.

RUBBERS.—The market has been a little more lively, and a fair business has been put through. The demand is becoming more of an investment, and less of a speculative nature than has been the case hitherto, and as such the market is in a sounder condition than it has been for some time. Business during the week includes sale of Kamunings at 3/13 and 3/3 prem, Lingris at 24/ cum div. of 6d. just declared. Balgownies at 57, Ledbury at 43/9, 44/6, 45/ and at the close at 98/9, Cattlefields at 52/6, Anglo-Malays at 14/3, and Pajamas at 7/80. Highland and Lowlands and Kuala Lumpur are wanted on the London market, but there are no local sellers at quotations.

MINERAL RESOURCES.—Green Islands have changed hands at the reduced rate of 7 1/2 and remain on offer at that rate at the close. China Provs., China Lights and Electrics have been placed at quotations. Other stocks under this heading show no changes and call for no comment.

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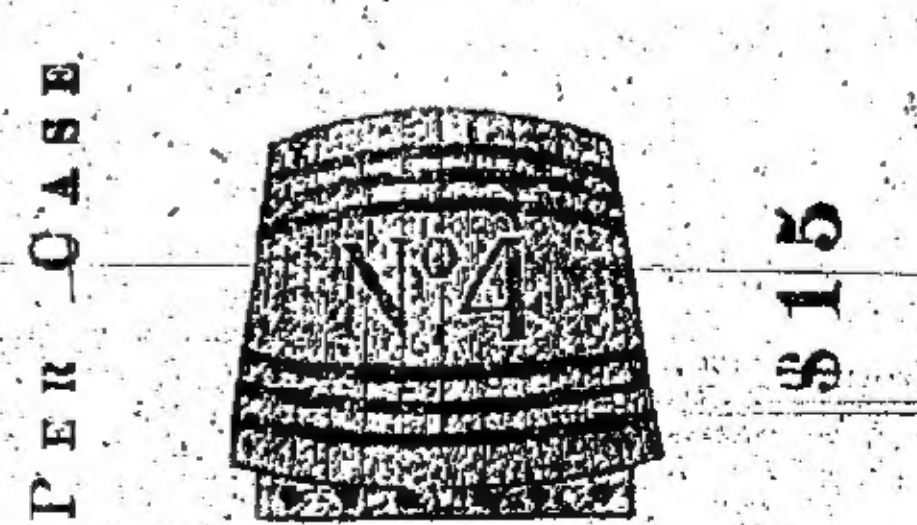
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ARRIVALS.

CHEONGHONG, British str., 1,265, O. M. Liddell, 2nd Dec.—Tientsin 26th Nov. General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 HANGKOW, British str., 3rd Dec.—Canton.
 HEBER, German str., 771, Jenson, 3rd Dec.—Hobart 1st Dec, General—Jenson & Co.
 KIANG PAO, Chinese str., 3rd Dec.—Canton.
 LAIBAN, British str., 3,460, E. J. Todd, 3rd Dec.—Singapore 26th Nov. General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 OMURO MARU, Japanese str., 2,424, S. Takaki, 3rd Dec.—Hongkong 28th Nov. Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
 THAN, British str., 1,346, Outerbridge, 3rd Dec.—Manila 30th November, General—Butterfield & Swire.
 TIKINI, Dutch str., 2,888, Koops, 3rd Dec.—Batavia 21st Nov. General—Jaya-China Japan Line.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE.
 3rd December.
 Express of India, British str., for Vancouver.
 Glentworth, British str., for Shanghai.
 Kiang Ping, Chinese str., for Chinkiang.
 Mayor Maru, Japanese str., for Singapore.
 Omuro Maru, Japanese str., for Nagasaki.
 Signal, German str., for Swatow.
 Singan, British str., for Hongkong.
 Takou Maru, Japanese str., for Milke.
 Zafiro, British str., for Manila.

DEPARTURES.

3rd December.
 ANARA, British str., for Singapore.
 CHANGHONG, British str., for Hongkong.
 CHIBILI, British str., for Canton.
 CHUYEN, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
 CHOSUN MARU, Japanese str., for Swatow.
 CHOYANG, British str., for Shanghai.
 GLENFALLOCH, British str., for Amoy.
 GOBBEN, German str., for Shanghai.
 HAIYANG, British str., for Swatow.
 HANOT, French str., for Quanzhou Chow Wan.
 KAIKONG, British str., for Zambouanga.
 KASHING, British str., for Swatow.
 KREUN, British str., for Manila.
 KWEIYANG, British str., for Shanghai.
 LINAN, British str., for Canton.
 MICHAEL JENSEN, German str., for Dalay.
 NANCANG, British str., for Canton.
 PATROCLUS, British str., for Shanghai.
 PRINZ WILHELM, Ger. str., for Australia.
 TAIWAN, British str., for Saigon.
 YUNSHAN, British str., for Manila.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Lataung* reports: Strong N.E. wind with high N.E. swell and sea, and heavy rain.

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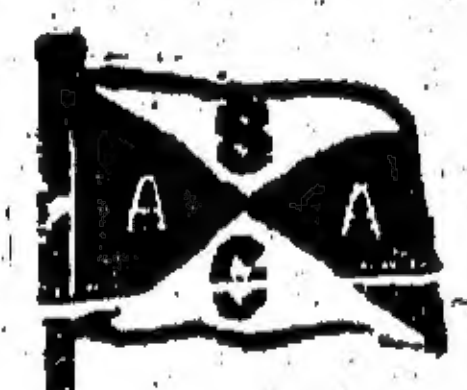
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Hongkong, 30th November, 1909. [1463]

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessels, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "k," nearest Hongkong "h," midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "m," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "k.w." together with the number denoting the section.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAMES.	FLAG & REG.	BERTH.	CAPTAIN.	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED.
LONDON, &c., via USUAL PORTS OF CALL	HIMALAYA	Brit. str.	—	L. E. S. Spicer, R.N.E.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 11th inst., at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	NORE	Brit. str.	—	G. Phillips, R.N.E.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 15th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP	DUNDEESHIRE	Brit. str.	—	W. Barrett	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	About 26th inst.
HAMBURG & ANTWERP via STRAITS, &c.	BRISGAVIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Schwinghammer	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 6th inst.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG via STRAITS, &c.	ARABIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Neumann	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 20th inst.
HAVRE, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG, &c.	SILEBIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	v. Hoff	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 13th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG via STRAITS, &c.	SENEGAMBIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Eckhorn	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 1st Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG via STRAITS, &c.	SCANDIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	v. Dohren	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 15th Jan.
COPENHAGEN, GOTHENBURG & BALTIC PORTS	CANTON	Swed. str.	—	Gimard	MELCHERS & Co.	About end of Dec.
MARSEILLES, &c., via PORTS OF CALL.	ERNEST SIMONS	Frenc.str.	—	S. Hiortdahl	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 7th inst., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	SADO MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Fraser	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 8th inst., at D'light
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	HIBANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	A. Christensen	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 22nd inst., at D'light
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	TANGO MARU	Jap. str.	—	Salmor	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 5th Jan., at D'light
MARSEILLES & HAMBURG via STRAITS, &c.	SUEVIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	E. Nitsche	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 5th Jan.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE, COPENHAGEN, &c.	SIAM	Dan. str.	—	J. Boyd	SANDER, WIELER & Co.	End of Jan.
TRIESTE, &c., via SINGAPORE, &c.	E. F. FERDINAND	Aus. str.	—	K. Kawara	DODWELL & Co., LD.	On 26th inst., A.M.
NEW YORK	SHIMOSA	Brit. str.	—	K. Sato	DODWELL & Co., LTD.	On 22nd inst.
BOSTON & NEW YORK	LOWTHER CASTLE	Brit. str.	—	H. Yamamoto	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 7th inst.
BOSTON & NEW YORK	INDRAMAYO	Brit. str.	2 m.	M. Winkler	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 14th inst.
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	—	G. W. Eidy	DODWELL & Co., LTD.	To-day, at 7 A.M.
VANCOUVER, B.C., TACOMA & SEATTLE via JAPAN	ATYMERIC	Brit. str.	1 m.	A. E. Moses	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 23rd inst.
VANCOUVER, B.C., & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, &c.	MONTEAGLE	Brit. str.	—	T. Sekine	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 15th Feb., at Noon
VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, &c.	SHINANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	A. Christensen	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 7th inst., at Noon
VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, &c.	AKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	A. Keik	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 4th Jan., at Noon
TACOMA via SHANGHAI & JAPAN	TACOMA MARU	Jap. str.	—	D. Leuz	OSAKA SHOGEN KAISHA	On 17th inst., at Noon
CALLAO, IQUIQUE, &c., via JAPAN PORTS, &c.	MANSHU MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Sugi	OSAKA SHOGEN KAISHA	On 10th inst., at Noon
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Murayama	OSAKA SHOGEN KAISHA	On 24th inst., at Noon
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	1 m.	T. W. Rickard	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 10th Jan., at 4 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	V. Dohren	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 21st Jan., at Noon
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SHIMIMA MARU	Jap. str.	—	Bradley	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 18th inst., at D'light
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	Pander	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 22nd inst., at Noon
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TANGO MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Sugi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 8th inst., at Noon
YOKOHAMA	AWA MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Murayama	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 7th inst., at 10 A.M.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	PRINZ SIGISMUND	Ger. str.	—	T. W. Rickard	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	TIYKIN	Dut. str.	—	Evans	DOUGLAS LAFRAIR & Co.	On 7th inst., at 10 A.M.
JAPAN	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	W. C. Passmore	DOUGLAS LAFRAIR & Co.	On 10th inst., at 10 A.M.
TIENSTIN and or CHINGWANTAO	SCANDIA	Brit. str.	1 m.	J. S. Bosch	DOUGLAS LAFRAIR & Co.	To-day, at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	ANREI	Brit. str.	—	R. Eodger	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	To-day, at Noon
SHANGHAI	SIZHONIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	A. M. Outerbridge	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 7th inst., at 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	POLYNESIAN	Frenc.str.	—	S. J. Payne	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 10th inst., at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YATHRING	Brit. str.	—	R. W. Almona	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 14th inst., at Noon
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YOKOHOFU MARU	Jap. str.	—	Pennesthor	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 9th inst., at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	LINAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	P. E. Belfe	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 10th inst.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	CHIRINDA	Brit. str.	1 m.	V. Dohren	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 12th inst., at D'light
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SCANDIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Bradley	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 15th inst.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	CHENAN	Brit. str.	—	Pander	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 16th inst., at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KUTSANG	Brit. str.	—	K. Sugi	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 26th inst., at D'light
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TIYANANG	Dut. str.	—	H. Murayama	JAYA-CHINA-JAPAN LUN	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SIAM	Dan. str.	—	T. W. Rickard	MELCHERS & Co.	On 23rd inst.
TAKAO, SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	SOBU MARU	Jap. str.	—	Evans	OSAKA SHOGEN KAISHA	On 8th inst., at 8 A.M.
ANPING via SWATOW & AMOY	DAIGI MARU	Jap. str.	—	W. C. Passmore	OSAKA SHOGEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.
TAMSVI via SWATOW & AMOY	KASHING	Brit. str.	1 m.	J. S. Bosch	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 4 P.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & SHANGHAI	HAINAN	Brit. str.	2 h.	R. Eodger	DOUGLAS LAFRAIR & Co.	On 7th inst., at 10 A.M.
SWATOW	HAIHING	Brit. str.	2 h.	W. C. Passmore	DOUGLAS LAFRAIR & Co.	On 10th inst., at 10 A.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	SINGAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	Jameson	DOUGLAS LAFRAIR & Co.	To-day, at 10 A.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	ZAPIRO	Brit. str.	—	R. Rodger	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at Noon
PAKHOT & HAIPHONG	TEAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	A. W. Outerbridge	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	To-day, at 10 A.M.
MANILA	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	S. J. Payne	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 7th inst., at 3 P.M.
MANILA	RUBI	Brit. str.	—	R. W. Almona	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 10th inst., at 4 P.M.
MANILA	TAMING	Brit. str.	1 m.	Pennesthor	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 11th inst., at Noon
MANILA	YUENSANG	Brit. str.	—	P. E. Belfe	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 14th inst., at 5 P.M.
MANILA	BORNEO	Ger. str.	—	F. Semblit	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 17th inst., at 4 P.M.
KUDAT & SANDAKAN	ISCHIA	Ital. str.	—	Belaito	MELCHERS & Co.	Middle of Dec.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & PENANG	FOOKHANG	Brit. str.	—	E. J. Todd	CARLOWITZ & Co.	On 13th inst., at Noon
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CAOUTTA	LAISANG	Brit. str.	—	Jurriano	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 7th inst., at Noon
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALOUTTA	THILLWONG	Dut. str.	—		JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 11th inst., at Noon
BATAVIA, CHERIBON, SAMARANG, &c.					JAYA-CHINA-JAPAN LUN	Quick despatch.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	SICILIA	About 4th Dec.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	DELTA	About 10th Dec.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	HIMALAYA	Noon, 11th Dec.	See Special Advertisement.
LONDON and ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	NORE	About 15th Dec.	Freight and Passage.

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E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1909.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
PAKHAI and HAIPHONG	"SINGAN"	On 4th Dec., 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI, AMOY and SHANGHAI	"KASHING"	On 4th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"ANHUI"	On 5th Dec., D'light
SHANGHAI	"TEAN"	On 7th Dec., 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 9th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA"	On 12th Dec., D'light
SHANGHAI	"TAMING"	On 14th Dec., 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 16th Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOK-TOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY with Transhipment for TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE and PERTH	"CHANGSHA"	On 10th Jan., 4 P.M.

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AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS have superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms. A daily qualified Surgeon is carried. REDUCED FARES, Cargo booked through for all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports.

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FARE, INCLUDING WINES, \$45 SINGLE and \$80 RETURN. TELEPHONE 36.

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Hongkong, 4th December, 1909.

INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
TIENTSIN and YOKOHAMA	"CHONGKONG"	7th Dec., Noon
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"FOOKSANG"	Tuesday, 7th Dec., Noon
SHANGHAI	"YATSHING"	Tuesday, 7th Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Friday, 10th Dec., 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"LAISANG"	Saturday, 11th Dec., Noon
MANILA	"KUTSANG"	Friday, 17th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE and MOJI	"YUTSANG"	Sunday, 26th Dec., D'light

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN.

OCCUPYING 24 DAYS.

The Steamers "KUTSANG", "NAMSAK" and "FOOKSANG" leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and Yokohama returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong, providing a stay of 6 days in Japan. If passengers leave the steamer at Yokohama and rejoin at Kobe.

These vessels have all modern improvements and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

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Hongkong, 4th December, 1909.

EAST ASIATIC CO., LD.

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SWEDISH EAST ASIATIC CO., LD.

GOTHENBURG.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING
TAKAO, SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"SIAM"	On 23rd December.
COPENHAGEN, GOTHENBURG and BALTIC PORTS	"CANTON"	About end of Dec.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE, COPENHAGEN and BALTIC PORTS	"SIAM"	End of January, 1910.

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MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1909.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED.

HONGKONG-SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS.

HIGHEST CLASS—FASTEST AND MOST LUXURIOUS STEAMERS ON THE COAST HAVING SPENDID ACCOMMODATION FOR FIRST-CLASS PASSENGERS. ELECTRIC LIGHT AND FIRST-CLASS CUISINE.

STEAMERS	FOR	LEAVING
"HAIMUN"	SWATOW	SUNDAY, 5th Dec., at 10 A.M.
"HAICHING"	SWATOW, AMOY and FOOCOW.	TUESDAY, 7th Dec., at 10 A.M.
"HAITAN"	SWATOW, AMOY and FOOCOW.	FRIDAY, 10th Dec., at 10 A.M.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PASSENGERS, STEAMERS WILL ARRIVE AT, AND DEPART FROM, THE COMPANY'S WHARF (NEAR BLAKE PIER).

For Freight and Passage apply to—

DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK & Co., GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1909.

CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

STEAMSHIP	TONS	CAPTAIN	FOR	SAILING DATE
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila	On 4th Dec., Noon.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila	On 11th Dec., Noon.

For Freight or Passage apply to Hongkong, 29th November, 1909.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE HAMBURG.

EAST ASIATIC FREIGHT SERVICE.

Regular Sailings from JAPAN, CHINA and PHILIPPINES.

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NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG:

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S.S. SITHONIA	S.S. BRISGAVIA
S.S. SCANDIA	FOR HAVRE, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG
S.S. BRASILIA	S.S. SILESLIA
S.S. SEGOVIA	FOR ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG
S.S. SAMBIA	S.S. ARABIA
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Hongkong, 2nd December, 1909.

Hongkong Office.

SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

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TOYO KISEN KAISHA, King's Building.

Hongkong, 5th November, 1909.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS.	TONS.	SAILING DATES.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	SADO MARU	6,500	WED'DAY, 8th Dec., at Daylight.
	HIRANO MARU	9,000	WED'DAY, 22nd Dec., at Daylight.
	TANGO MARU	8,000	WED'DAY, 5th Jan., at Daylight.

VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and YOKOHAMA

SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE

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PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

S.S. "MACEDONIA."

(10,500 TONS)

CAPTAIN C. D. BENNETT, R.N.R.

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MARSEILLES - - - - APRIL 16th.

LONDON - - - - - APRIL 23rd.

FARES TO LONDON:—

1st SALOON £71.10 SINGLE; £106.14 RETURN.

2nd " £48.8 " £72.12 "

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E. A. HEWETT,

SUPERINTENDENT.

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PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON 1910.

PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS

MARSEILLES AND LONDON.

TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR

COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, &c.

THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

STEAMERS	Leave	Connecting Steamers	Due	Due
to	HONGKONG	from COLOMBO to	MARSEILLES (Brindisi 2 days earlier)	PLYMOUTH (London 1 day later)
COLOMBO		MARSEILLES & LONDON		
Steamer	Ton	1 P.M. SATURDAY	Steamer	Ton
ARCADIA	7000	February 5	MANTUA	11000
ASSAYE	7500	February 19	CHINA	8000
DELTA	8000	March 5	MALWA	11000
MACEDONIA	10500	March 19	(Through Steamer calling at BOMBAY)	
DEVANHA	8000	April 2	MONGOLIA	10,000
ASSAYE	8000	April 16	MARMORA	10,500
DELTA	7500	April 30	MOREA	11,000
DELHI	8000	May 14	MOULTAN	10,000

Passengers change Steamers at COLOMBO, and those for BRINDISI transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at PORT SAID.

Accommodation in the connecting Steamer from COLOMBO is definitely reserved in Hongkong or at the time of Booking.

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INTERMEDIATE (Non-Transshipment) STEAMERS

WILL LEAVE FOR

LONDON.

CARRYING SALOON PASSENGERS AT REDUCED RATES.

STEAMERS	Leave	Due
HONGKONG	LONDON	
• SYRIA	January	about 26
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JAPANESE GARDENS FOR LONDON.

A novel and delightful feature of the Japanese Exhibition at the White City will be a complete illustration of the Japanese system of gardening, which will be carried out with all the minute exactitude characteristic of our allies, and an area of 91,800 feet has been allotted for the purpose. The gardens will face the visitor as he approaches the Courts of Honour, and he will immediately be able to imagine himself in Japan, the illusion being heightened by a precise reproduction of a Japanese flower bazaar with all its little shops and artistically coloured awnings and many strange productions of Nature modified by art, such as dwarf trees balanced on the tips of their roots, which are almost wholly exposed, and flowers grown in the shapes of animals and other quaint forms. How such "franks" are obtained is a problem beyond the ingenuity of the British horticulturist, but the Japanese have been highly skilled gardeners from very remote times, and they have found out many secrets. Moreover, they are a nation of artists from the highest to the lowest, and this characteristic in combination with the cumulative horticultural skill of the ages can do more than the patient perseverance of the British gardener, fortified though it may be by scientific lore. The visitor to Japan is at once sensible of the pervading art, which produces harmonies even in the colour of the streets, but he does not at once realise that all this is the outcome of a deal of thought. Similarly he may see a miniature garden beside a little house, but in significance will not occur to him until he has the inspiration to half close his eyes, and then in looking at the few square feet of space he will see a vast domain, with distant mountains, cascades, river, rocks, and trees, and perhaps a temple of colour delicately softened by time and weather, for the worship of Buddha or the pursuit of Shintoism, or ancestor-worship. Such gardens are common to the Japanese, and represent a big idea, though carried out on a minute scale. It may be hoped that the Londoners who will have an opportunity of seeing them, so to speak, transplanted bodily to Shopwell's Bush, will give them something more than superficial admiration, and will try to understand their meaning and to appreciate their details, which will be carried out with such minute elaboration that a piece of rock no more than two inches square has been so carefully selected that it may cost the City of Tokyo £50. This city, with the aid of its great gardener Tai Kaven, is making a remarkable contribution to the exhibition, in two very diminutive models of Japanese gardens, the largest being only 12 feet by 7 feet. They will be representations of the Shiba Park in Tokyo, and every detail will be sent from Japan. There will be the twisted trees, the stone lanterns characteristic of Japanese garden decoration, the tiniest rocks, and temples with all their mouldings in accurate detail. These little gardens will undoubtedly prove a triumphant illustration of this peculiar phase of the national genius. There will also be model gardens contributed by various Tokyo nurserymen, so that it will be possible to appreciate the different styles of Japanese gardening, though no doubt some knowledge of perception will be needed on the part of Britons to distinguish the little variations in this diminutive art. A charming idea will be carried out in a display of the cherry-blossom on a miniature scale. The pervading love of beauty in Japan is perhaps better to be understood from the importance that is attached to the blossoming of the cherry than in any other way. The occasion is a national holiday, and the people go out to enjoy a happy day in the quiet contemplation of the flower of the cherry. It is a custom which, with a British bank holiday crowd could obtain refreshment in a similarly peaceable and relaxing way. Immediately after the display of the cherry-blossom there will be a similar outbreak, though in contrasting hue, on the part of the wistaria. The trees will be in miniature, but it is a notable fact that the blossoms do not form themselves in a degree of smallness proportionate to the tree, being of medium size. In the larger gardens there will be tea houses in which will be shown some of the curious tea ceremonies indulged in by the Japanese women, a very elaborate system of etiquette governing the consumption of tea in the country. It is hoped by the promoters of the exhibition that Japanese residents in London will come in their native costume to give additional colour and character to the occasion. It is intended to teach some English gardeners, who are to be employed in looking after the gardens, some necessary points in Japanese horticulture. We have a good deal to learn from our allies in this particular, and it is not improbable that some of their methods will be adopted in this country as a result of the exhibition.

CANBERRA.**THE PROPOSED COMMONWEALTH CAPITAL.**

After many long and tedious delays, the Australian Prime Minister and the New South Wales Premier have decided that if the proposed Federal territorial boundaries can be agreed upon, Canberra shall be the site of the Federal capital, and an attempt will be made before the close of the present year to induce the Commonwealth and State Parliaments to ratify the decision. Fortunately, despite the endeavours of a section of the Melbourne Press, the question has not been made party one. It is purely a matter of extent of territory, and the area of New South Wales is so extensive, something like 309,175 square miles, that the State would not miss the two or three square miles asked by the Commonwealth Parliament, with right of access to the sea at Port Tervis, one of the largest and finest harbours in the southern hemisphere. The site of the proposed capital is described as being an ideal one. It forms an area of about three square miles, at elevations of from 1,950 to 2,220 feet above sea level, and bounded by extensive mountain ranges on the east, south, and west. No finer place for the construction of a magnificent city can be imagined. Says a recent visitor: "It contains all that is wanted in the way of physical features, an abundant water supply, and an entire absence of those things which come within the definition of engineering difficulties. A magnificent stretch of undulating country, containing, roughly, a thousand square miles, fringed round with lightly wooded foothills and mountains beyond, the latter rising to a height of from 2,000 to 3,000 feet, while as a central point to this immense green plain stands Canberra Church, with its pointed spire, which for over sixty years has been a familiar feature of the landscape. It is a most delightful country. The site is intersected by a broad stream, the Molonglo, which is also fed by another, the Queanbeyan, which would enable, if required, an immense ornamental lake to be formed. The water supply would be obtained from a neighbouring river, the Cotter, which gives a mean daily flow of over 52,000,000 gallons, as compared with the Sydney daily supply of 2,400,000 gallons, or, if the whole metropolitan area be included, of 25,000,000 gallons. The river is snow fed, and the water is of exceptionally good quality. The facilities for sewerage, leave nothing to be desired, there being ample space for biological treatment at a

distance from the city, the farm being hidden by an intervening hill. The site is readily accessible from Yass, on the line connecting Sydney with Melbourne, hence the term "Yass-Canberra." There were several other sites largely favoured, but none possessing the numerous advantages enjoyed by Canberra. The district has a population of about 4,000 and the soil is wonderfully fertile. Should the question of the acceptance of the site become settled, as appears likely to be the case, it is understood that the Federal Government will invite from all parts of the world competitive plans for laying out the city, substantial prizes being awarded the successful competitors. Of course, the Federal Government will undertake only the construction of the public buildings and ornamental works, but all edifices erected by private enterprise will be subject to any regulations made in accordance with the accepted plans. The general idea is that the new city shall be one of the finest in the world, with wide boulevards and streets, broad open spaces, well lighted, and possessing the best systems of water supply and sewerage. It is a grand scheme, and will involve an enormous expenditure, but it would result in making Canberra the Paris of the Southern Hemisphere.

FASHIONS AND FANCIES. IN THE PARIS THEATRES.

The stage may be said to hold the mirror not only up to Nature but to Fashion. In a double sense it is the mould of fashion; its influence on that uncertain quantity is immense. In Vienna, Paris, New York, Berlin, and London, the stage is the chief organ for sartorial suggestion; it is more impressive than the best fashion-etcher, and reaches a wider public. An enterprising dressmaker who wishes to launch a new idea, unless she can be sure of doing so through a client who lends the fashion, searches round for a modern play to dress, and puts her art before the public in that way. But those who follow the suggestions thus given must remember that stage dress has much the same relation to everyday clothes as scene-painting has to pictures. The effects are broader, and arrived at by very broad methods. It is never safe to follow a stage gown in its entirety, but the general meaning of it may be diluted and adapted with a little individual taste.

SOME FRENCH THEATRE GOWNS.

At one of the Paris theatres a leading actress is wearing a new kind of tunic, over a gown of plain satin. Short in front, falling from a high draped belt, it is much longer at the back, its individuality consisting in a number of flat pleats at either side of the back and front, facing towards the sides. The tunic is edged with a very wide band of silver guipure in an Irish crochet design. This again being bordered with a band of black velvet two inches wide, with a narrower edging of the silver lace. The lace is sewn straight across the group of pleats, holding them in place. This is a decided innovation, for we are accustomed to pleats which fall free at the lower ends.

GUIMPES AND SLEEVES.

Above the velvet and lace which are swathed closely to form a belt-bodice, the dress is filled up to half height with folds of white chiffon. The sleeves are of white chiffon, full and gathered up into a butterfly bow just below the shoulders. On nearly all the smartest frocks of to-day the top of the dress, whether the gown be of tulle or material, is made of guipure or net of tulle or material, forming a guimpé, which is, however, seldom worn detachable by French women, owing to the difficulty of making it go "just so" and without a wrinkle, in the perfect fashion which alone satisfies them. The full sleeves in evening dress are new, or rather, like so many new things, are a revival.

EMBROIDERIES AGAIN.

At the Athénée there are some lovely gowns, mostly weighted with embroidery of the most sumptuous kind. One silk gown, with a voile tunic, has lace and embroidery mingled in a wide band about fifteen inches deep, continuing right round the skirt, and veiled at the back by a flowing breadth of the wide forming a short train. The bodice, of the lace and embroidery also has very novel sleeves. A piece of double-width chiffon is pleated in under a shoulder-land of lace, forming a kind of bag, from the front of which the bodice arm emerges. When the hand is dropped by the side, the sleeve looks something like a hood.

MIXED STYLES.

At the same theatre Mlle. d'Arthigny wears a curious evening gown of satin which is princess at the back, and open in front over a petticoat of satin partly veiled with a tunic-panel of heavily embroidered net. The folds of the overdress at either side are held in at the top by an embroidered waistband, at the bottom by a deep band of embroidered net, only continuing to the side seam, the whole of the back being perfectly plain satin.

THE ART OF BEING MAGNIFICENT. But the sensation of the play, sartorially, is Mlle. Gauthier's gown. It is a plain princess dress of satin, veiled with a long overdress of tulle in a darker shade, about six inches shorter than the satin gown, and forming a train of the same length at the back as the under-dress. Round the bodice under the arms, down the front, in a sweeping line from just above the knees in front to below them at the back, and round the waist are bands of embroidery, done in gold and silver, with great bosses of jewels at frequent intervals, and gleaming intricacies of smaller stones between them. The tunic is edged for a depth of many inches with a more scattered design in the same work, bordered with a kind of braid of precious stones and metals. Shoulder bands of this braid cross a little upper bodice of gold lace, and a jewelled make, matching the embroidery on the dress, encircles the neck and takes its head in its mouth in a kind of blaze of jewels in the middle of the bodice. The gold lace forms tiny sleeves hanging slightly away from the arm.

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